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Honorable Joseph S. Ammerman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ammerman:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 1977 on behalf of Mr. George A. Downsborough, Jr., of State College, Pennsylvania, who has filed a request with the Agency under the Freedom of Information Act.

On 11 October 1977, this Agency received Mr. Downsborough's appeal of our determination in his case and our Information Review Committee now has the appeal under consideration. However, please understand that the Agency currently has a backlog of over 200 similar Freedom of Information and Privacy Act appeals and we are doing our very best to handle these as expeditiously as possible. Unfortunately, most appeals take in excess of six months to complete in view of the volume of the documents and the time required to process appeals.

We hope this will be helpful to you in responding to Mr. Downsborough and, again, we appreciate your personal interest.

Sincerely,

/s/John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director

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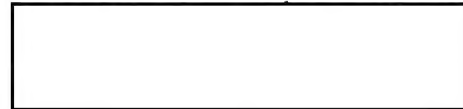
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October 25, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Re: George A. Downsborough, Jr.



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Dear Admiral Turner:

The enclosed correspondence concerning the above noted constituent is submitted for your consideration.

I would appreciate your investigating the matter and letting me know the present status of the problem so that I have sufficient information on which to base a proper reply.

Very sincerely yours,

JOSEPH S. AMMERMAN
Member of Congress

JSA/LBb

Enclosure

5 October 1977

Rep. Joseph S. Ammerman
1723 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Ammerman:

I am writing you as one of your constituents to request your assistance in dealing with some federal agencies. In the summer of 1970, following my freshman year at Yale University, I visited western Europe. The following winter I was interviewed by agents of the FBI at the FBI office in New Haven. During this interview those agents insinuated that I had met with agents of Communist Bloc countries and had travelled in Communist Europe. In an effort to correct these misrepresentations of the truth I initiated Freedom of Information Act inquiries with the FBI and the CIA. So far my efforts to secure my files in order to correct them have been frustrated. The FBI assigned me case # 48,584 and I have not heard from them since 24 June 1977; they have procrastinated beyond the allowable legal limit. The CIA has been far more responsive. They admit that the Agency has a cable on file under my name, however they refuse to release it to me under various exemptions to the Privacy Act. I am now appealing this decision to the appropriate CIA Deputy Director through Gene F. Wilson, Information and Privacy Coordinator.

I am acting in good faith to try to correct misrepresentations in my files in the FBI and the CIA. I would greatly appreciate any assistance that you could lend me in my requests of these agencies.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

George A. Downsborough Jr.

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[Redacted Address]